

Week Ending October 5, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 5, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting corn, cotton, rice and soybeans and planting wheat. Soil moisture conditions were rated 21 percent very short, 26 percent short, and 53 percent adequate.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Grain Harvested	96	91	93	85	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	88	85	99	97	1	7	37	43	12
	Harvested	21	8	46	36					
Rice	Mature	97	95	96	97	0	2	32	60	6
	Harvested	84	66	86	80					
Sorghum	Mature	96	92	100	100	---	---	---	---	---
	Grain Harvested	93	76	91	91					
	Silage Harvested	90	72	94	97					
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100	2	7	30	47	14
	Turning Color	90	81	92	88					
	Shedding Leaves	77	68	71	68					
	Harvested	47	34	31	27					
Wheat	Planted	10	4	13	12	---	---	---	---	---
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	100	97	100	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	40	27	62	63	0	18	34	47	1
Peanuts	Harvested	20	19	72	75	0	0	4	89	7
Cattle						2	5	18	60	15
Pasture						6	17	31	42	4

### County Agent Comments

"Corn harvest is almost complete, soybean harvest is in full swing, and cotton harvest is just starting. Some producers are planting wheat."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Corn harvest is about complete and the yields are great. The early cuttings of soybeans are down from this time last year. Because of the lack of rain, soybean yields are low."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"The moisture deficiency is beginning to cause problems. Most of our winter pastures are not yet planted. Some cattle farmers may have to start feeding hay if we don't get a good rain soon. Winter grasses that are planted and emerged are suffering."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"The last of the warm season hay is being harvested. Some beef producers gambled and planted winter forage; however, due to weather conditions, they may lose. Worms have destroyed some soybean fields. The feed mills are staying busy crushing corn from the good corn crop reaped by the producers. The weather is excellent for harvesting, but poor for crop maturity."

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne County

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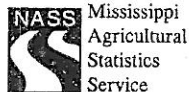
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# Weather Summary from September 29, 1997 to October 5, 1997 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	89	52	71	68	+3	0.00	-0.65	0	0.11	80	68	73	0.23
Cleveland	90	52	71			0.00		0	3.01				
Tunica	90	54	71	66	+4	0.00	-0.56	0	3.34	77	65	70	
Extreme/Average	90	52	71	67	+4	0.00	-0.61	0	2.15	80	65	72	0.23
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	85	45	66	64	+2	0.00	-0.71	0	6.45	81	62	71	0.16
Memphis	87	53	72	67	+4	0.00	-0.56	0	5.93				
Oxford	88	48	68	65	+3	0.00	-1.03	0	5.67				
Extreme/Average	88	45	68	65	+3	0.00	-0.77	0	6.02	81	62	71	0.16
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	49	66	65	+1	0.00	-0.82	0	2.51				
Corinth	88	48	68	65	+3	0.00	-0.73	0	5.11				
Iuka													
Pontotoc	88	44	67	66	+1	0.00	-0.86	0	1.28	81	62	72	0.21
Tupelo	88	47	67	66	+1	0.00	-0.81	0	1.73				
Verona	91	48	68			0.00		0	2.41	85	61	74	0.21
Extreme/Average	91	44	67	66	+2	0.00	-0.81	0	2.61	85	61	73	0.21
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	93	51	72	68	+3	0.00	-0.59	0	1.68	89	73	81	
Greenwood	89	51	70	68	+2	0.01	-0.76	1	2.07				
Rolling Fork	93	50	72			0.00	-0.71	0	2.35	89	75	82	0.20
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	93	53	72	70	+2	0.00	-0.51	0	1.10				
Extreme/Average	93	50	71	69	+2	0.00	-0.65	0	1.80	89	73	82	0.20
5. Central													
Carthage	90	47	69	68	+1	0.05	-0.63	1	1.59				
Jackson	90	49	71	69	+2	0.00	-0.88	0	2.69				
Winona	86	50	67	66	+1	0.00	-0.79	0	3.95				
Extreme/Average	90	47	69	68	+1	0.02	-0.76	0	2.74				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.75	0	1.95				
Columbus	91	52	70			0.00		0	2.57				
State University	92	48	71	68	+3	0.00	-1.05	0	0.85	84	60	73	
Extreme/Average	92	48	71	68	+3	0.00	-0.90	0	1.79	84	60	73	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs		50				0.00		0	1.50	92	66	80	
Natchez	88	48	72	72	0	0.00	-0.57	0	1.35				
Oakley	91	46	72			0.00	-0.77	0	1.13	83	67	76	
Vicksburg	88	55	73			0.00		0	2.26				
Extreme/Average	91	46	72	72	0	0.00	-0.67	0	1.56	92	66	78	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	50	73	71	+3	0.00	-0.88	0	1.69				
McComb	93	47	74	70	+4	0.00	-1.15	0	1.35				
Extreme/Average	93	47	74	70	+3	0.00	-1.02	0	1.52				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	0.07				
Hattiesburg	91	55	75	71	+4	0.00	-1.10	0	0.74				
Laurel													
Meridian	91	47	69	68	+1	0.00	-0.75	0	1.78				
Newton	91	47	70	68	+3	0.00	-0.99	0	0.88	80	62	72	0.17
Extreme/Average	91	47	71	69	+2	0.00	-0.95	0	1.13	80	62	72	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	97	48	75			0.00		0	0.34				
Biloxi	93	59	77			0.01		1	0.99				
Gulfport	91	54	75	73	+2	0.00	-0.87	0	0.00				
Pascagoula	89	52	71	75	-4	0.00	-0.80	0	2.10				
Poplarville	93	58	75	72	+3	0.00	-0.93	0	1.00	93	69	81	0.26
Extreme/Average	97	48	75	74	+1	0.00	-0.87	0	1.11	93	69	81	0.26
State	97	44	71	69	+2	0.00	-0.80	0	2.24	93	60	75	0.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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